



Instantly adopted as a 21st Century icon for the city, the London Eye might so easily have never been built at all! With views of up to 40 kilometers stretching beyond the city itself, London's most popular visitor attraction fulfils a simple idea – lifting people to a great height – in a most elegant and enjoyable way.

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## Before you Way2Go

London Eye  
Riverside Building  
County Hall  
Westminster Bridge Road  
London  
SE1 7PB

### Information and bookings

+44 (0)870 5000 600 (9am - 5pm seven days a week) or [londoneye.com](http://londoneye.com)

### Getting there

Nearest Tube stations:  
Waterloo and Westminster  
Nearest railway stations:  
Waterloo and Charing Cross

### To plan your journey

Why not use the Transport for London website: [tfl.gov.uk](http://tfl.gov.uk) or call the 24 hour TFL Travel Information Line on: +44 (0)20 7222 1234.

Oyster Cards are available at most Tube and railway stations as well as some newsagents – just look for the blue Oyster sign. They can also be purchased before you arrive, through the Visit London website: [visitlondon.com/travel/oyster](http://visitlondon.com/travel/oyster)

### Entrance prices & opening times

For latest information please refer to the London Eye website or call their information line.

### Champagne with your flight?

Pre-book a champagne flight or fast-track tickets on the London Eye website.

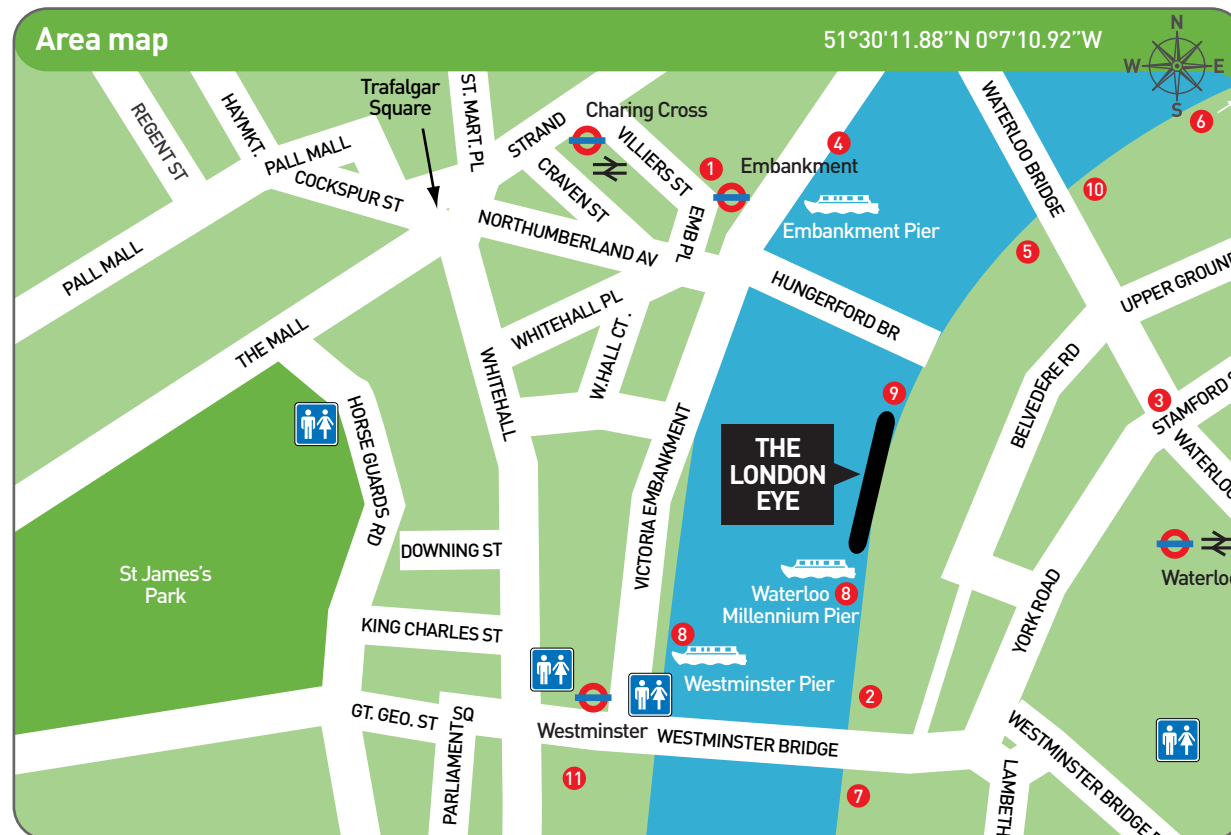
### Hire a capsule for yourselves

And have food and drink laid on as well if you wish. The minimum number of passengers is three. Details are on the London Eye website.

### Need2Go?

Toilets are located within the London Eye's ticket office, adjacent to the London Eye.

## Area map



## After you Way2Go

### 1 Have some wine and mature cheese at London's oldest wine bar

Gordon's is situated in brick cellars beneath a building in which Samuel Pepys (and later Rudyard Kipling) once lived. (Over Hungerford Bridge).

47 Villiers Street, London, WC2N 6NE.  
Telephone: +44 (0)20 7930 1408  
[gordonswinebar.com](http://gordonswinebar.com)

### 2 The London Aquarium

One of Europe's largest displays of aquatic life housing over 400 species in 50 separate displays.

County Hall, Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7PB.  
Telephone: +44 (0)20 7967 8000  
[londonaquarium.co.uk](http://londonaquarium.co.uk)

### 3 BFI Imax cinema

For the ultimate in cinema experiences, visit the South Bank's big format cinema.

1 Charlie Chaplin Walk, South Bank, Waterloo, London, SE1 8XR  
Information and ticket office:  
+44 (0)870 787 2525  
[bfi.org.uk/whatson/bfi\\_imax](http://bfi.org.uk/whatson/bfi_imax)

### 4 Cleopatra's Needle

The Egyptian obelisk was made around 1500BC. The sphinxes guarding it are Victorian and face the wrong direction because Queen Victoria is said to have preferred them that way. The base of one of them shows shrapnel damage from a First World War air attack. Situated on Victoria Embankment near Hungerford Bridge.

### 5 The Southbank Centre – housing three of London's top cultural venues

**The Hayward** – one of London's most important contemporary art galleries.

**Queen Elizabeth Hall** – hosts chamber orchestras, world music and dance.

**Royal Festival Hall** – one of the world's leading performance venues.

A wide variety of bars, restaurants and cafés are dotted around the complex.

Belvedere Road, London, SE1 8XX  
Information on daily performances and bookings: (9am - 8pm)  
+44 (0)871 663 2500  
Switchboard: +44 (0)871 663 2501  
[southbankcentre.co.uk](http://southbankcentre.co.uk)

### 6 Walk along the South Bank

The Millennium Bridge, Tate Modern and the Globe Theatre are a 15 minute stroll. Another 5 minutes to Clink Street, a replica of Drake's ship the Golden Hind and the remains of Winchester Palace. Borough Market and the historic tavern, The George on Borough High Street are another 5 minutes. Spectacular views to be seen all along the walk.

### 7 For the best picture of the Houses of Parliament

Do what TV camera crews do and head for the Albert Embankment. The same side of the river as the London Eye, on the other side of Westminster Bridge.

### 8 Take a trip on the Thames

Sightseeing cruises leave from both Millennium Pier (beneath the London Eye) and Westminster Pier (on the opposite river bank).

Telephone information and bookings:  
+44 (0)870 5000 600  
9am-5pm seven days a week  
[londoneye.com/ticketsandprices/rivercruises](http://londoneye.com/ticketsandprices/rivercruises) or [tfl.gov.uk](http://tfl.gov.uk)

### 9 For something more exhilarating, take a high speed inflatable

You won't forget a trip along the Thames in a RIB. Boats leave from beneath the London Eye  
[londonribvoyages.com](http://londonribvoyages.com)

### 10 National Theatre (NT)

The National has three theatres and offers backstage tours.

General information  
+44 (0)20 7452 3400  
Ticket availability and booking  
+44 (0)20 7452 3000  
[nationaltheatre.org.uk](http://nationaltheatre.org.uk)

### 11 Westminster Abbey

See the tomb of Queen Elizabeth I, alongside her half sister 'Bloody' Mary  
[westminster-abbey.org](http://westminster-abbey.org)

## Other panoramic views of London

### Tower 42

The tallest building in the City of London is named after its number of floors. The 42nd floor has a Champagne bar, Vertigo 42 open to the public, 183 metres above the pavement. Book in advance.

25 Old Broad Street, London, EC2N 1HQ  
Tel: +44 (0)20 7877 7842 or [vertigo42.co.uk](http://vertigo42.co.uk)

### St Paul's Cathedral

At the top of the famous dome, the Golden Gallery is not for the faint-hearted – 434 narrow steps from the Cathedral floor and just a railing to hold on to. But that doesn't stop it being a popular experience with sweeping views.

St Paul's Churchyard, London, EC4M 8AD  
General enquiry line: +44 (0)20 7236 4128 / (0)20 7246 8350 or [stpauls.co.uk](http://stpauls.co.uk)

### Greenwich Park

The top of the hill in Greenwich Park offers views of the Thames, the skyscrapers of Docklands and the City of London including St Paul's. Free entry.  
[royalpark.org.uk/parks/greenwich\\_park](http://royalpark.org.uk/parks/greenwich_park)

### The Monument

The memorial to the Great Fire (the tallest free standing stone column in the world) has re-opened after a major restoration project. It has 311 steps and no lift. Monument Street, London, EC2.  
[themonument.info](http://themonument.info)

### Hampstead Heath

The view from the top of Parliament Hill is one of the best free London experiences  
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